

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of operating a multimode terminal for use in a multimode communication system supporting various modes using different radio access technologies, the method comprising:

sending service request signalling to a network device operating in a first mode for requesting a service in at least one of various modes supported by the multimode terminal, said service being unsupported by the multimode terminal in the first mode, and
receiving the requested service from another network device supporting a second mode as a result of a handover from the network device to the other network device, the requested service being supported by the multimode terminal in the second mode.

2. (CANCELLED)

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising using service request signalling messages that as such are used for services supported in the first mode, wherein one or more service request parameters in said messages indicate that a specific service is unsupported by the network device or multimode terminal in the first mode and that the specific service is supported by the other network device operating in the second mode.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the service request signalling is triggered by a multimode terminal originated service establishment request.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the service request signalling is triggered by a system originated service establishment request.

6. (Previously Presented) A method of operating a multimode terminal device for use in a multimode communication system, the method comprising:

sending service request signalling to a network device operating in a first mode, for requesting a service in at least one of the various modes supported by the multimode terminal device, said service being unsupported by the network device or by the multimode terminal device in the first mode, and

receiving the requested service from another network device supporting a second mode as a result of a handover from the network device to the other network device, the requested service being supported by the multimode terminal in the second mode.

7. (CANCELLED)

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 6, further comprising using service request signalling messages that as such are used for services supported for the first mode, wherein one or more service request parameters in said messages indicate that a specific service is unsupported by the network device and multimode terminal in the first mode and that the specific service is supported by the other network device operating in the second mode.

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 6, further comprising using forwarding service request signalling that is unsupported by the network device operating in the first mode ~~for being forwarded~~ in a transparent container, to the other network device for allowing the other network device to decode the service request signalling and to initiate a service based handover towards the other network device.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 6, wherein the service request signalling is triggered by a multimode terminal originated service establishment request.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 6, wherein the service request signalling is triggered by a system originated service establishment request.

12. (Previously Presented) A multimode terminal, comprising:

a transmitter for sending service request signalling to a network device of a multimode communication system operating in a first mode, for requesting a service in at least one of the various modes supported by the multimode terminal, said service being unsupported by the multimode terminal in the first mode, and

a receiver for receiving the requested service from another network device supporting a second mode as a result of a handover from the network device to the other network device, the requested service being supported by the multimode terminal in the second mode.

13. (CANCELLED)

14. (Previously Presented) A multimode terminal according to claim 12, where the multimode terminal is configured to use service request signalling messages that as such are used for services supported in the first mode, said messages comprising one or more service request parameters indicating that a specific service is unsupported by the multimode terminal and network device in the first mode and that the specific service is supported by the other network device operating in the second mode.

15. (Previously Presented) A network device operable to serve a multimode terminal in a first mode, comprising:

a receiver for receiving the first mode service request signalling from the multimode terminal for requesting a service in at least one of the various modes supported by the multimode terminal, said service being unsupported by the multimode terminal in the first mode, and

a handover module for handing over the multimode terminal to another network device supporting a second mode when it is decided that the requested service is supported by the multimode terminal in the second mode.

16. (CANCELLED)

17. (Previously Presented) A network device according to claim 15, where the network device is

configured to service request signalling messages that as such are used for services supported in the first mode, said messages comprising one or more service request parameters indicating that a specific service is unsupported by the network device and multimode terminal in the first mode and that the specific service is supported by the other network device operating in the second mode.

18. (Previously Presented) A method for providing a service in a multimode communication system supporting at least a first mode and a second mode using different radio access technologies, the method comprising:

- receiving a service request for a service in the first mode from a multimode terminal supporting at least the first mode and the second mode;

- deciding, based on the service request, whether the requested service is supported by the multimode communication system the first mode and the second mode; and

- switching the multimode terminal to the second mode when it is decided that the requested service is not supported by the multimode terminal in the first mode and is supported by the multimode terminal and the multimode communication system in the second mode.

19. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 18, further comprising receiving the service request from the multimode terminal using service request parameters that exceed capabilities of the multimode terminal in the first mode.

20. (Previously Presented) A multimode communication system supporting at least a first mode and a second mode using different radio access technologies, the system configured to:

- receive a service request for a service in the first mode from a multimode terminal supporting at least the first mode and the second mode;

- decide, based on the service request, whether the requested service is supported by the multimode communication system in the first mode and the second mode; and

switching the multimode terminal to the second mode when it is decided that the requested service is not supported by the multimode terminal in the first mode and is supported by the multimode terminal and the multimode communication system in the second mode.

21. (Previously Presented) A method for receiving a service in a multimode communication system supporting at least a first mode and a second mode using different radio access technologies by a multimode terminal supporting at least the first mode and the second mode, the method comprising:

- sending a service request for a service to the multimode communication system in the first mode, wherein the requested service is unsupported by the multimode terminal in the first mode;

- allowing to move the multimode terminal to the second mode when the multimode communication system finds the service is not supported by the multimode terminal in the first mode and is supported by the multimode terminal in the second mode.

22. (Previously Presented) A multimode terminal supporting at least a first mode and a second mode using different radio access technologies, the terminal configured to receive a service in a multimode communication system supporting at least the first mode and the second mode, the terminal further configured to:

- send a service request for a service to the multimode communication system in the first mode, wherein the requested service is unsupported by the multimode terminal in the first mode;

- allow to move the multimode terminal to the second mode when the multimode communication system finds the service is not supported by the multimode terminal in the first mode and is supported by the multimode terminal in the second mode.